

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended in a sincere attempt to place the case in immediate condition for allowance. The indication that Claims 8 and 9 contain allowable subject matter is noted.

Claims 1 and 8 have been combined, Claims 8 and 10 have been canceled, and Claims 6 and 16-19 have been amended to address the Examiner's objection thereto. The claims before the Examiner thus are Claims 1-7, 9, and 11-20.

The misspelling in Claims 6 and 16-19 has been corrected overcoming the objection thereto.

The rejection of Claim 10 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 is moot in view of the cancellation of that claim. Claim 1 now does not include the cycloolefin compound of formula (1).

The rejection of Claims 1-7 and 10-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is moot in view of the incorporation of the limitations of a claim not so rejected into Claim 1.

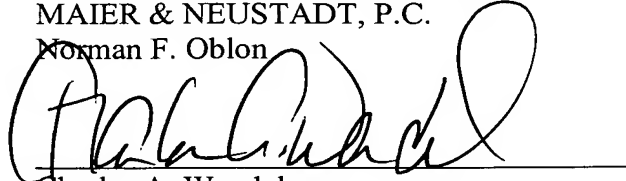
The Examiner is thanked for indicating that a certified copy of the priority document has been received from the International Bureau and for listing the references submitted with three Information Disclosure Statements.

In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in immediate condition for allowance and a U.S. PTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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